

# Task force sought for toxic waste cleanup

GRIFFITH — A Griffith resident wants the town board to form a task force to help speed federal Superfund cleanup of the American Chemical Services toxic waste area.

erry Steagall wants the force to include elected officials and representatives from the board of health, Environmental Protection Agency, town

board and residents.

Steagall was asked to serve as task force president. Trustees Patricia Schaadt, D-4th, and Martha Hanrath, D-3rd were designated as board representatives.

In his report to the board, Steagall said hazardous toxic waste drums have been buried at the firm's Colfax Avenue

site since 1970. He said up to 30,000 drums were buried in a 10,000 cubic yard area. Rowe, D-2nd, disputed that figure.

Steagall wants the EPA to set up a timetable, procure engineering studies and perform a feasibility study to help locate the buried drums.

He also wants to identify all companies which used ACS as a disposal site

and begin negotiations with them to determine their percentage of liability. His proposal includes the potential for litigation if the generators and ACS don't clean the site.

In the third phase of the monitoring, Steagall said the EPA should conduct an

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epidemiological survey of the area around ACS to determine if there are any abnormal morbidity or mortality rates.

He also wants to develop a residential well water monitoring program in the

area to insure compliance with federal safe water drinking standards.

The board took the report under advisement ~~advisement~~, then listened to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Charbonneau talk about concerns of their well water.

They said they bring drinking water into the area, not using their well water for fear of toxic contamination.

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